

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, January 1877, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel Hubbard to Mr. Alexander Graham Bell. My darling:

If you know how I have ached and longed to be with you all this afternoon you would not think it was easy for me to leave you this morning. You have told me again and again I did not care as much for you as you did for me, Perhaps not, but I don't think you felt half as badly to let me go, as I to go and to know that you went back to those horrid rooms to be a long afternoon of suffering and loneliness. But I did think it wiser not to let you risk the long cold rides to and fro. Willie will be with you tomorrow, I am sure now he knows you are here. And pray don't remember my rash half promise to see you tomorrow. If I can, if it is right I will but I don't know if it is. Get better as fast as you can. It worries me more than I can tell you to have you alone sick. I wish you would see a doctor, if just to have him say it is all right. I don't trust your opinions a bit and I am really alarmed. If you were with some one I should not mind but you are alone, and know nothing about it.

Cousin Mary seemed very glad to see me. The amount of work she manages to do with one arm is astonishing. She still suffers considerably at times and is unable to sleep without aid of medicine. Don't attempt to come out until you are able to walk. Don't go to the expense of carriage hire. We shall meet before next Sunday but don't come out without my permission.

Ever your loving little girl. M.G.H. Jan. 1877.